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HA NOI PETROLEUM PRODUCTS STORAGE
THANH AM, NORTH VIETNAM
2103N 10553E

1. SIGNIFICANCE:

THIS BRIEFING BOARD DEPICTS THE EFFECTS OF A U.S. AIR STRIKE ON
THE HA NOI PETROLEUM PRODUCTS STORAGE THANH AM.

2. LOCATION:

HA NOI PETROLEUM PRODUCTS STORAGE THANH AM IS LOCATED JUST SOUTH-
WEST OF THANH AM AND 3.7 NM NORTHEAST OF HA NOI.

3. COLLATERAL:

THE PETROLEUM FACILITIES OF NORTH VIETNAM ARE LIMITED TO THOSE
REQUIRED TO STORE AND DISTRIBUTE REFINED PRODUCTS; THERE ARE NO OIL
FIELDS OR REFINERIES IN THE COUNTRY. ALL POL IS IMPORTED, WITH NINETY-
FIVE PERCENT ENTERING THE COUNTRY THROUGH THE PORT OF HAI PHONG.
THE MILITARY FORCES CONSUME ABOUT SIXTY PERCENT OF THE TOTAL AVAILABLE
SUPPLY; THE REMAINDER IS CONSUMED PRINCIPALLY BY ROAD AND INLAND
WATERWAY CARRIERS AND HOUSEHOLD USES.

THE STORAGE CAPACITY OF HA NOI PETROLEUM PRODUCTS STORAGE THANH
AM IS REPORTED TO BE APPROXIMATELY 34,000 METRIC TONS OR ABOUT 10,000,000
US GALLONS.

4. STRIKE INFORMATION:

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FIFTEEN MISSIONS HAVE BEEN DIRECTED AGAINST APPROXIMATELY TEN POL INSTALLATIONS IN NORTH VIETNAM. THIS ACTION CULMINATED ON 29 JUNE IN THE BOMBING OF TWO OF NORTH VIETNAM'S MAJOR FUEL INSTALLATIONS AT HAI PHONG AND HA NOI. THE TWO STORAGE AREAS HIT REPORTEDLY ACCOUNT FOR SIXTY PERCENT OF NORTH VIETNAM'S POL RESERVES, AND IT IS ESTIMATED THAT THEIR DESTRUCTION WOULD CUT STORES TO A SIX-WEEK SUPPLY.

HA NOI POL FACILITIES WERE STRUCK SUCCESSFULLY BY US AIR FORCE AIRCRAFT. PILOT REPORTS INDICATE ALL BOMBS ON TARGET WITH HEAVY SMOKE AND FIRES IN THE TARGET AREA. INTENSE ANTIAIRCRAFT FIRE WAS ENCOUNTERED. ONE F-105 WAS LOST IN THE TARGET AREA. SEARCH-AND-RESCUE OPERATIONS ARE UNDER WAY.

ORDNANCE EXPENDED CONSISTED OF ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-EIGHT 750-POUND GENERAL PURPOSE BOMBS.

5. MISSION READOUT:

[REDACTED] REVEALS THIS INSTALLATION TO CONSIST OF AT LEAST THIRTY-SEVEN LARGE POL STORAGE TANKS. A SUPPORT AREA IS LOCATED JUST SOUTHEAST OF THE TANK YARD AND CONSISTS OF TWO WAREHOUSES, ONE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, THIRTY-FIVE STORAGE/SUPPORT BUILDINGS, AND A MOTOR POOL. THE INSTALLATION IS BOTH ROAD AND RAIL-SERVED.

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[REDACTED] REVEALS ALL STORAGE TANKS WITHIN THE

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INSTALLATION APPEAR TO BE ENGULFED IN SMOKE AND FLAMES. APPROXIMATELY FIFTY BOMB CRATERS ARE OBSERVED IN THE STORAGE/SUPPORT AREA IMMEDIATELY SOUTHEAST OF THE TANK YARD, WITH EIGHT BUILDINGS SEVERELY DAMAGED AND SEVENTEEN MODERATELY DAMAGED. AT LEAST FIVE BOXCARS ON THE RAIL SIDING SERVING THE AREA HAVE BEEN DESTROYED.

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